

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 13, 2017**

At 5:00 pm President Winchester called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler and Woods. Also in attendance was Clerk Springsteen. Manager McNally was absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the March 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: David Stipp inquired about the 2017 rate increase.

3. Finance Committee Report:

a. Concerning the Financial Report for the month of March 2017. Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of March and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of March. All ayes, motion passed.

b. Concerning the 2017 Budget. Director Bordsen reported that the Finance Committee had met on April 11, 2017 and went over the 2017 Budget and made a few changes.

4. The Board will discuss the 2017 Budget and may take action as appropriate. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve the 2017 Budget as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

5. The Board will discuss the 2017 Irrigation Season and may take action as appropriate. After discussion the Board consensus was to continue to evaluate the future forecast and Manager McNally to determine the appropriate 2017 irrigation start date.

6. The Board will consider Resolution 04-13-17-01 in Support of the California Water Agencies' Policy Statement on Bay-Delta Flow Requirements which seeks to create collaborative river management practices opposed to broad-brush regulation based on unimpaired flows. Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve Resolution 04-13-17-01. President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler, Woods, and Winchester
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Resolution 04-13-17-01 Passed

7. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.5 FT	-0.5 FT	SPILLING	1,050 KW
1 YEAR AGO	49,420 AF	99.8%	1,182.8 FT	0.2 FT	0.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Work began to clear the diversion channel at the fish screen on Monday, April 3, 2017. Staff was able to get more than halfway complete before the river rose again to 20,000 CFS over the weekend of April 8th and 9th 2017. As the river remains in excess of 10,000 CFS, it is unclear how much of the progress had been undone. Fortunately, from the District's perspective, the rains have likely delayed the demand of flood up water for another couple weeks.

On March 29, 2017 Jeff Twitchell of GEI sent a draft validation study of the spillway rating curve for the Virginia Ranch Dam to the Manager to advise of their findings. After running the calculations, they have demonstrated that with the inflow data set by the PMF, the dam would NOT overtop as previously suspected, but would instead have 0.2 feet of freeboard. This appears to be within an acceptable margin, but they are working with internal experts to determine what FERC's stance will be since the events at Oroville before final submission. It is staff's intent to submit this data as soon as we get the final report rather than wait for FERC to ask for it.

While applying for an extension to comply with SB 88 requirements on all of BVID's diversions, it was recalled that BVID shares a water right with the Yuba Investment Company at Lake Mildred. The Manager made contact with the staff at Lake Mildred, and subsequently the company's legal counsel, Walter Jaccard, to discuss the implication of this and their involvement. As a result, MBK also applied for an extension for that water right as well.

The VRD Powerhouse again went offline last week due to PG&E voltage issue. Staff intends to seek lost revenues by demonstrating it was their infrastructure and not BVID's.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Annexation

Staff has prepared the application for submittal. There will also be some procedural steps to notice the affected properties as well as some State Board of Equalization involvement.

Lower Yuba Accord / Groundwater Substitution Pumping

Staff is preparing communication to all pumpers advising that 2017 is likely another non-pumping/transfer year and will send those out after the next Accord Member Unit meeting on 04/19/2017.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project

Staff has received the 50% design and met with NLine Energy to discuss the project. It is a very compelling project with great potential, but will require at least \$1,000,000 in grants plus a no to low interest loan to become a realistic project that is not cash flow negative. The project, as proposed will

cost \$4,584,000, based on very conservative estimates. NLine is confident that if the District moves forward with a “design build” project, it will be substantially less. Nevertheless, we are in a waiting period right now to hear back from both USDA for the grant as well as PG&E for the interconnection application.

Senate Bill (SB 88) Metering Requirements

MBK has preparing and submitted BVID’s appeal to the State Water Resources Control Board to allow more time to develop the infrastructure required at each of our diversions to record diversion data hourly for a period of ten (10) years. This requirement went into effect as law January 1, 2017.

Water Supply Agreement

Legal Counsel has returned the draft documents with edits to YCWA.

PAST MEETINGS

- 04/04/17 The Manager met with the North Yuba Water District’s General Manager to discuss several diverters that may be injuring BVID above Collins Lake by diverting water outside the appropriate window.
- 04/06/17 The Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with NLine Energy to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro project.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 04/18/17 FEMA / CalOES project scoping meeting at the office.
- 04/19/17 Groundwater Management Workshop at YCWA (9:00 AM).
- 05/08/17 – ACWA Spring Conference. The conference occurs during a regularly scheduled Board meeting week so the Manager and any attending Directors will likely be absent.
- 05/12/17

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
 - 1. Repaired a break on the Hawk pipeline.
 - 2. Completed a list of water change orders.
 - 3. Cleared some brush and trees on the Sicard and Mahle ditches.
 - 4. Installed a new service on the Peoria pipeline.
 - 5. Replaced a failed pressure switch at the well that serves the District office.
 - 6. Cleaned half of the channel to the Yuba River fish screens.
 - 7. Set up the District for water season.
 - 8. Completed the work on the Harding above the Dave Pietz property.
 - 9. Mechanically cleaned a section of the Lambert ditch.
 - 10. Replaced three failed ditch services on the B.V.Main ditch.
 - 11. Completed the Environmental Health department hazardous materials inspection.
 - 12. Completed weed spraying on the Sicard, Arnold, Ellis, Harding, Lambert, and Mahle ditches. We also sprayed a section of the Pumpline Canal.
 - 13. Completed the installation of the pump motors at the Yuba River pumping station.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
 - 1. Replace a spill on the Olive Hill ditch.
 - 2. Clean the Yuba River channel to the fish screens.

3. Continue to spray the ditches depending on the weather.
4. Begin water season.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated March 27, 2017 from Collins Lake Recreation to BVID regarding the Semi Annual Report 2016-2017 Second Half
- Letter from Joyce Jones to BVID regarding 2017 Irrigation Season

A motion by director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester to change the Closed Session Agenda Item #10 to open Session. All ayes, motion passed.

10.Closed Session: Update the Board on labor negotiations involving Directors Bordsen and Lowe (Personnel Committee) and Operating Engineers #3 and take action as appropriate; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6. *Cancelled by a Motion*

11. Open Session: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the MOU between BVID and OE3 dated January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019. All ayes, motion passed.

12. Adjournment: